

**REMARKS**

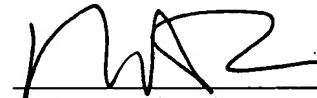
Claims 1-40 have been cancelled without prejudice, and claims 41-57 have been added. No new matter has been added by virtue of the amendments. For instance, support for the amendments appears e.g. at the paragraph bridging pages 11-12; page 13, last paragraph; page 27, first paragraph; and the original claims of the application.

The only outstanding rejection is an obviousness-type double patenting rejection over claims of U.S. Patent 5,968,712.

To expedite prosecution, an appropriate Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith. In view thereof, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

It is believed the application is in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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